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In re Application of:
Frank H. Portugal, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/027,439

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For: Compositions and Methods for
Differentiating Among *Shigella*-
Species and *Shigella* from *E. Coli*
Species

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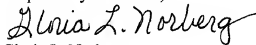
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Form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith. A copy of reference A9 is provided herewith. The present application claims priority to U.S. provisional application SN 60/038,117, filed February 20, 1997

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$240.00 for the fee for filing a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed under §1.97(c)(2).

It is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner, be made a part of the official record, and be cited in the issued patent.

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Re: U.S. Patent Application SN 09/027,439 entitled "Compositions and Methods for Differentiating Among *Shigella* Species and *Shigella* from *E. coli* Species" – Portugal, *et al.* (based on 60/038,117); Our Ref.: 044198.0000; UM Ref. No.: LS-97-046

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Enclosed for filing are the following:

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